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SUBJECT: REFUGEE GOLD TRANSACTIONS

FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. GUAM DEPUTY CIVIL COORDINATOR HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT DEAK AND CO. IS BUYING REFUGEE GOLD AND IS ISSUING IN EXCHANGE PERERA CO. TRAVELERS CHECKS. THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE ANYONE TO HONOR A TRAVELLERS CHECK EXCEPT FOR THE ISSUING COMPANY ITSELF. ALTHOUGH THIS PROBLEM GENERALLY DOES NOT ARISE, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT PERERA COMPANY TRAVELLERS CHECKS ARE NOT WIDELY USED IN THE UNITED STATES, REFUGEES MAY ENCOUNTER SOME DIFFICULTY IN NEGOTIATING THEM. BANK OF AMERICA HAS NOTIFIED ITS PENDLE-
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TON FACILITY THAT MANY REFUGEES MAY PRESENT PERERA CHECKS

AND THAT THESE SHOULD BE HONORED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. OTHER CONUS RECEPTION CENTERS SHOULD BE ALERT TO THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH PERERA CHECKS AND CIVIL COORDINATORS SHOULD ASSIST REFUGEES IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE WITH THEIR CONVERSION, E.G. IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION.

2. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE YOU ANY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REGARDING A FAIR AND APPROPRIATE PROFIT MARGIN ON GOLD EXCHANGES. FREE COMPETITION BETWEEN BOA, DEAK, AND OTHER COMPANIES IS PERHAPS THE ONLY GUARANTEE THAT THE REFUGEES WILL OBTAIN THE BEST PRICE FOR THEIR GOLD.

3. IF, HOWEVER, YOU ENCOUNTER EVIDENCE THAT ANY COMPANY IS TAKING UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF ANY REFUGEE, YOU SHOULD REQUEST THE MILITARY COMMANDER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER ABUSES. INGERSOLL

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